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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AGOSTON ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/644,387

Filed: AUGUST 23, 2000

For: METHODS OF OBTAINING
2-METHOXYESTRADIOL OF HIGH
PURITY

Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: BADIO, B.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed January 31, 2002, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and the remarks below. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 8, and 21-25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition being substantially free of steroid contaminants having estrogenic or carcinogenic effects comprising 2-methoxyestradiol having a purity greater than 99.5% as determined by HPLC.

CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent by facsimile transmission to the Examiner Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D., to facsimile number 703-308-4556, on May 2, 2002.

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